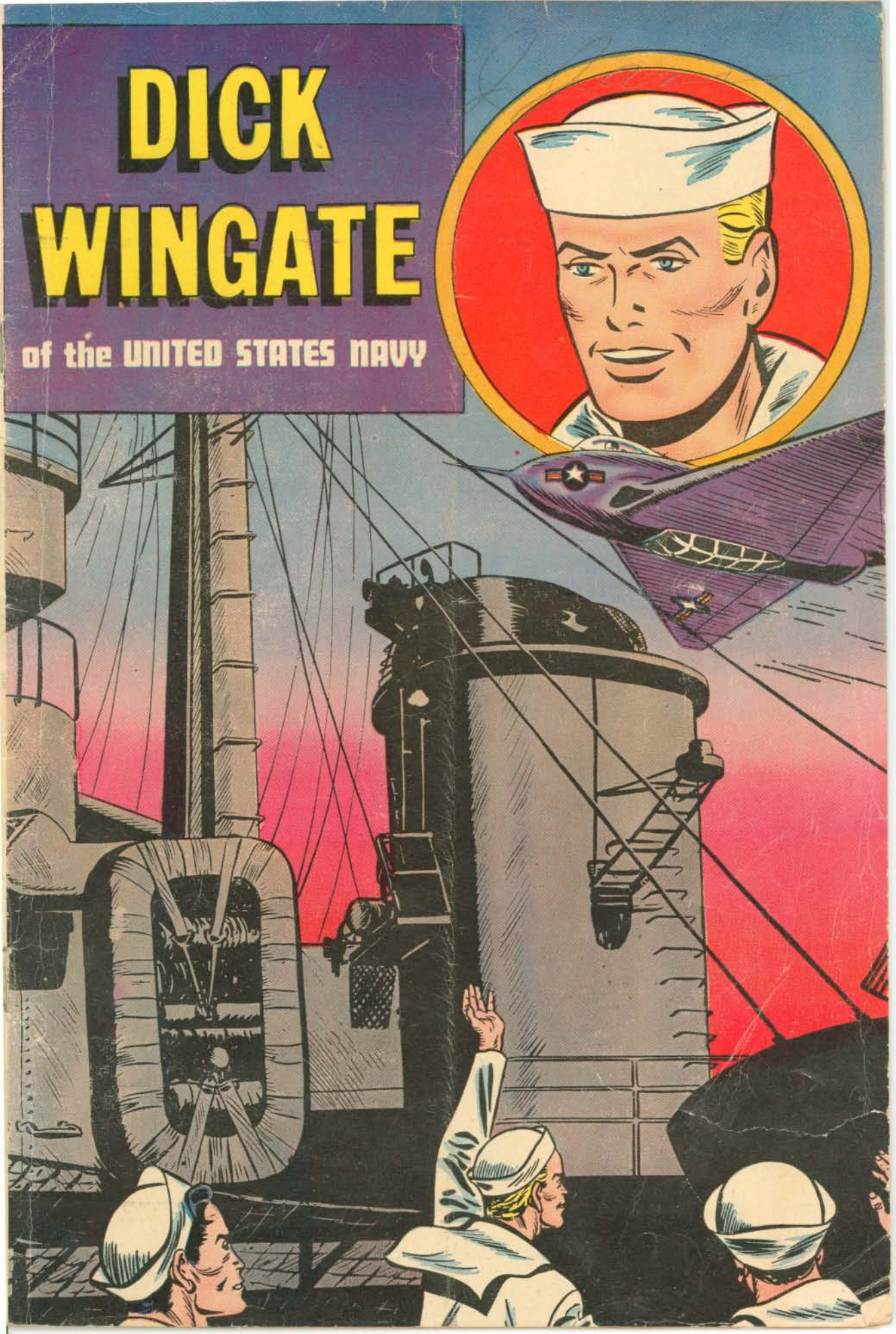
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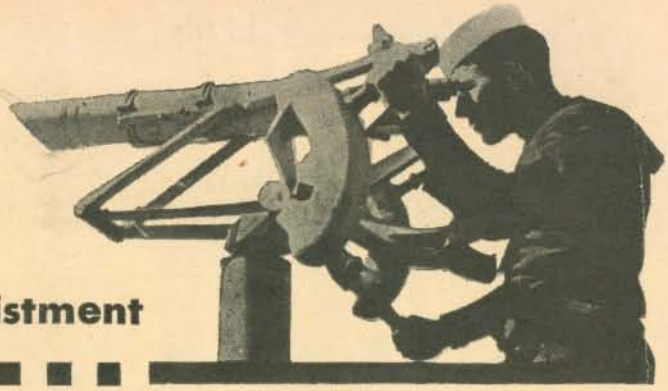


Requirements for enlistment in the regular Navy ■ ■ ■

To enlist in the Navy you must meet certain requirements. The principal ones are listed below. Inasmuch as they change from time to time, be sure to talk them over with the recruiting officer. He has the latest information.

AGE. You must be between the ages of 17 and 30 (inclusive). If under 18, you must have written consent from your parents or legal guardian. When you enlist you will be asked to furnish a birth certificate. Those men with previous naval service who are 31 years or older may be accepted, if their total previous active duty, deducted from their present age, places them in the foregoing age group.

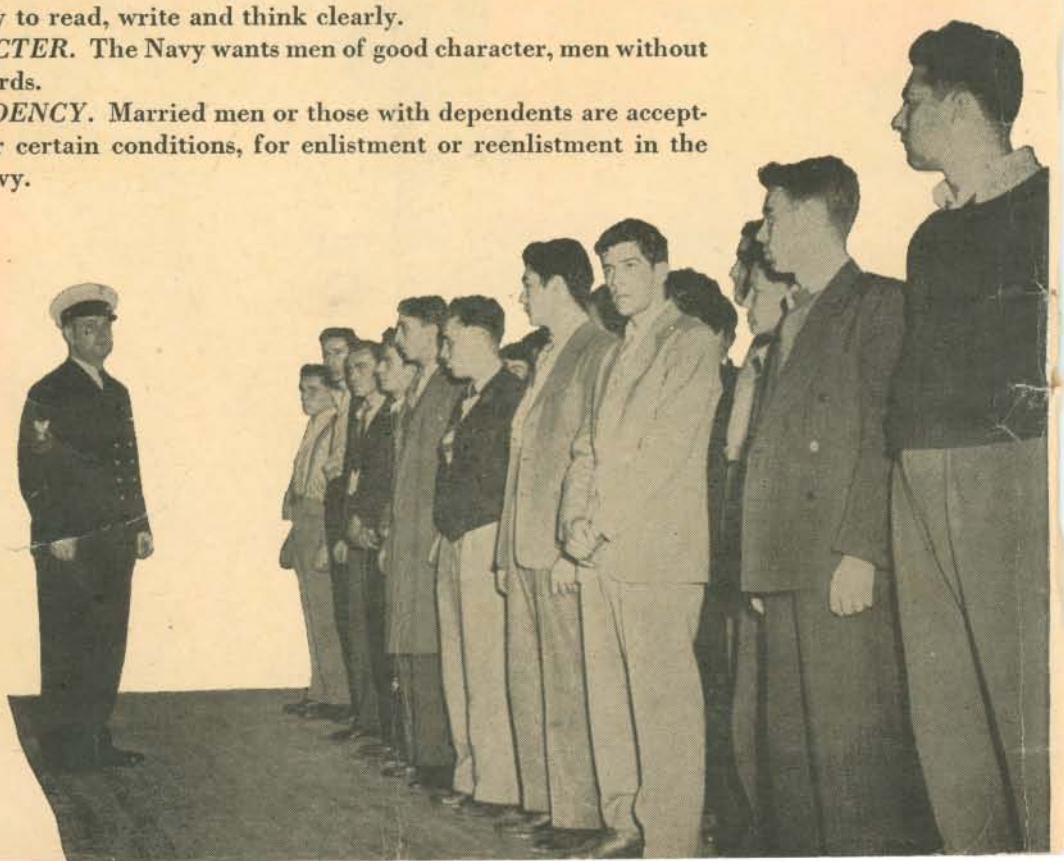
CITIZENSHIP. You must be a citizen of the United States, native born or fully naturalized, or a native of a U. S. insular possession. If you are not a native born United States citizen, you must show written proof of citizenship.

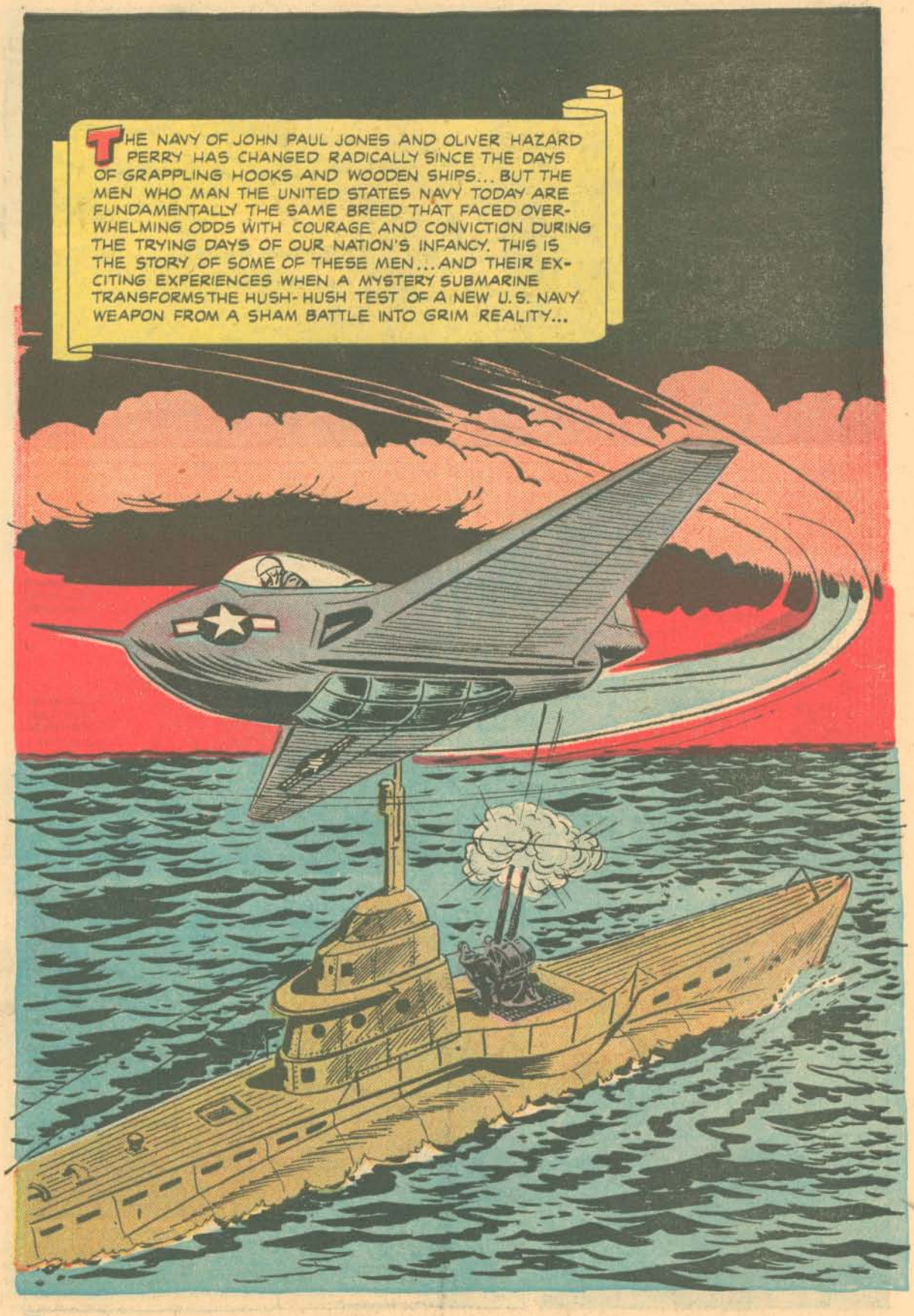
PHYSICAL. You must pass a physical examination to show that you meet the minimum required enlistment standards. Any man in normal health should be able to meet all physical requirements.

EDUCATION. While the Navy prefers high school graduates, there are no specific educational requirements. You will take a test to show your ability to read, write and think clearly.

CHARACTER. The Navy wants men of good character, men without police records.

DEPENDENCY. Married men or those with dependents are acceptable, under certain conditions, for enlistment or reenlistment in the regular Navy.




THE NAVY OF JOHN PAUL JONES AND OLIVER HAZARD PERRY HAS CHANGED RADICALLY SINCE THE DAYS OF GRAPPLING HOOKS AND WOODEN SHIPS... BUT THE MEN WHO MAN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TODAY ARE FUNDAMENTALLY THE SAME BREED THAT FACED OVERWHELMING ODDS WITH COURAGE AND CONVICTION DURING THE TRYING DAYS OF OUR NATION'S INFANCY. THIS IS THE STORY OF SOME OF THESE MEN... AND THEIR EXCITING EXPERIENCES WHEN A MYSTERY SUBMARINE TRANSFORMS THE HUSH-HUSH TEST OF A NEW U.S. NAVY WEAPON FROM A SHAM BATTLE INTO GRIM REALITY...

OUTSIDE A U.S. NAVY BASE SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC...
WELL, THERE GOES THE MERRICK, AND I HOPE THAT THINGS WORK OUT AS WELL IN PRACTICE AS THEY DID IN THEORY.
NOW STARTS OUR LITTLE GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK ...AND THEY'RE "IT"!
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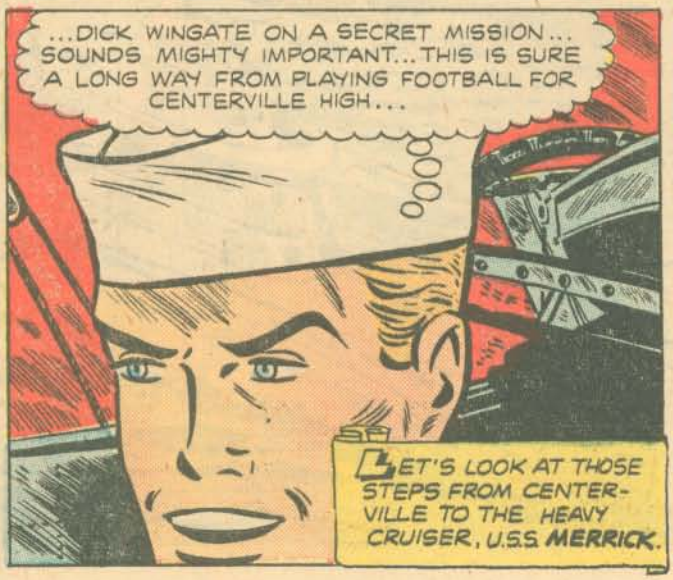
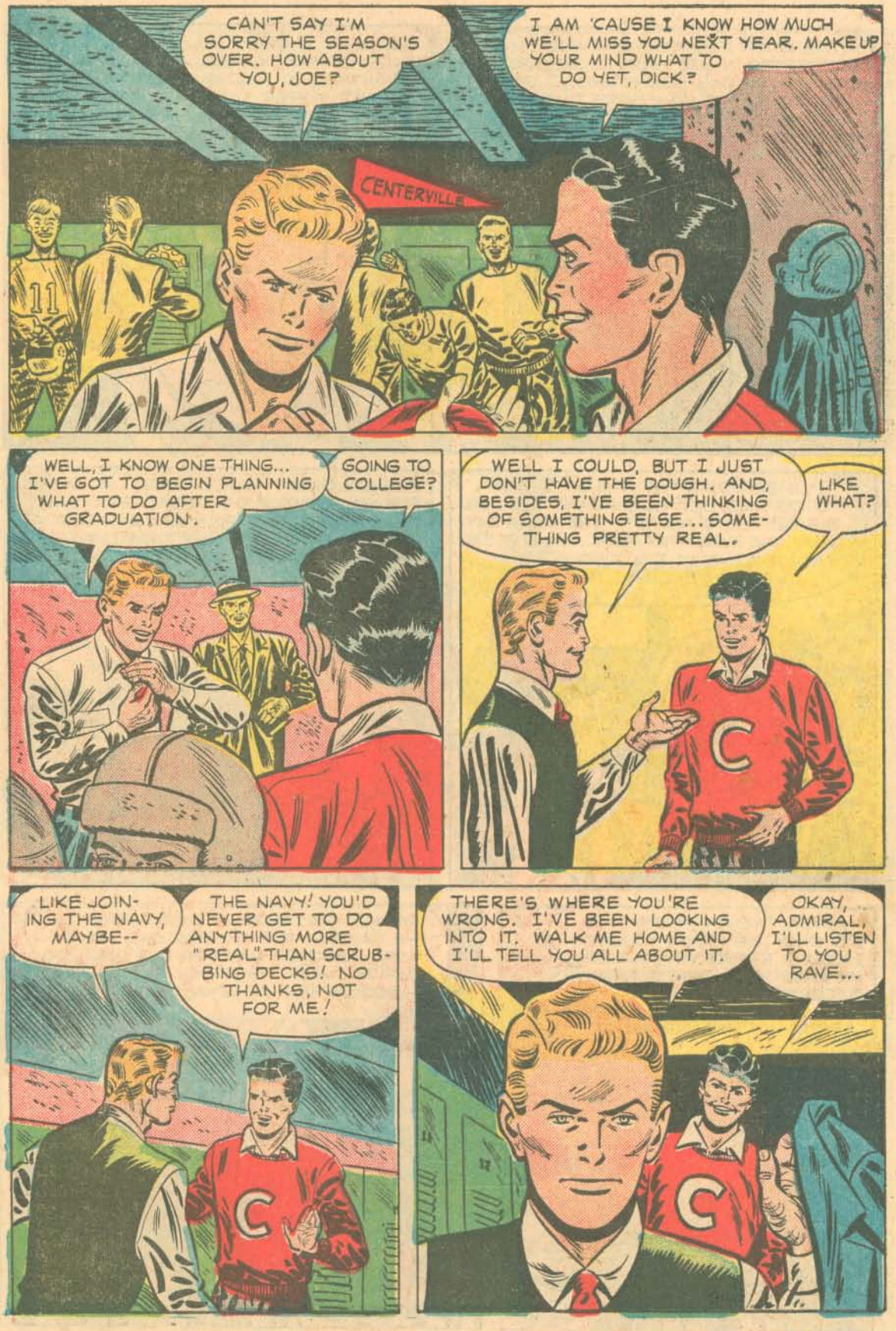
ON BOARD THE MERRICK...
WE'RE ON OUR WAY, LT. CHURCH. I'D SURE LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT.
SORRY, WINGATE, NOT YET. WE STILL MIGHT GET ORDERS CALLING OFF THE TEST...CAN'T YOU GUESS--FROM THE STUFF YOU'VE BEEN HANDLING LATELY?

WISH I COULD... BUT I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A GOOD DOZEN OF THE NAVY'S NEW ELECTRONIC WEAPONS!
WELL, IT'S GOT TO BE ONE OF THEM. GET SOME SLEEP-- I'M GOING TO TURN IN MYSELF.

ALL THAT NEW STUFF IS REALLY HUSH-HUSH...AND THIS IS GOING TO BE A TEST OF ONE OF THEM... GUESS I'M REALLY LUCKY TO BE GOING ALONG...


...DICK WINGATE ON A SECRET MISSION... SOUNDS MIGHTY IMPORTANT...THIS IS SURE A LONG WAY FROM PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR CENTERVILLE HIGH...
LET'S LOOK AT THOSE STEPS FROM CENTERVILLE TO THE HEAVY CRUISER, U.S.S. MERRICK.


CAN'T SAY I'M SORRY THE SEASON'S OVER. HOW ABOUT YOU, JOE?
I AM 'CAUSE I KNOW HOW MUCH WE'LL MISS YOU NEXT YEAR. MAKE UP YOUR MIND WHAT TO DO YET, DICK?
CENTERVILLE
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WELL, I KNOW ONE THING... I'VE GOT TO BEGIN PLANNING WHAT TO DO AFTER GRADUATION.
GOING TO COLLEGE?
WELL I COULD, BUT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE DOUGH. AND, BESIDES, I'VE BEEN THINKING OF SOMETHING ELSE... SOMETHING PRETTY REAL.
LIKE WHAT?
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LIKE JOINING THE NAVY, MAYBE--
THE NAVY! YOU'D NEVER GET TO DO ANYTHING MORE "REAL" THAN SCRUBBING DECKS! NO THANKS, NOT FOR ME!
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THERE'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG. I'VE BEEN LOOKING INTO IT. WALK ME HOME AND I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT.
OKAY, ADMIRAL, I'LL LISTEN TO YOU RAVE...
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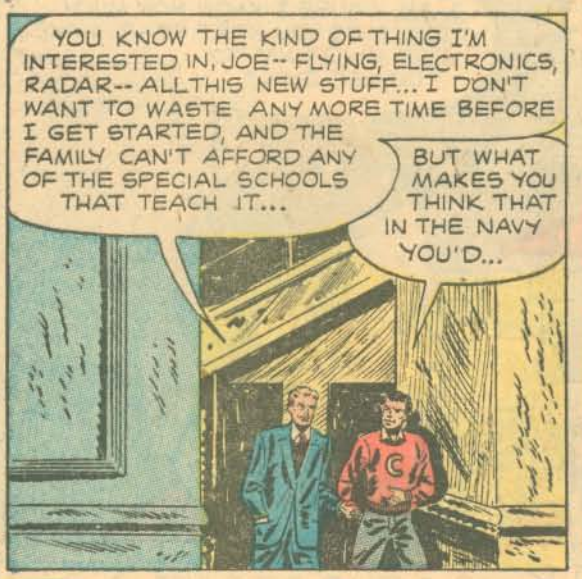
YOU KNOW THE KIND OF THING I'M INTERESTED IN, JOE-- FLYING, ELECTRONICS, RADAR-- ALL THIS NEW STUFF... I DON'T WANT TO WASTE ANY MORE TIME BEFORE I GET STARTED, AND THE FAMILY CAN'T AFFORD ANY OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOLS THAT TEACH IT...
BUT WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT IN THE NAVY YOU'D...

LOOK AT IT THIS WAY... THEY NEED ALL KINDS OF SPECIALISTS, AND IT'S TO THEIR ADVANTAGE TO FIND OUT WHAT A MAN CAN DO BEST. AFTER I JOIN UP, IF I QUALIFY, THEY'LL PUT ME IN THEIR OWN SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAM...

I'LL BE DOING THE THINGS I WANT TO DO AND GET PAID FOR IT BESIDES. THE BETTER I AM AT IT, THE MORE PAY AND THE MORE TRAINING... AND IF I'M NO GOOD AT IT, I'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH...

SOUNDS OKAY FOR YOU-- BUT WHAT ABOUT GUYS LIKE ME WHO DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THEY WANT TO DO?
JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THE OPENINGS THERE ARE-- YOU'D FIND SOMETHING THAT'D INTEREST YOU... BESIDES, YOU KNOW OF ANY BETTER WAY TO FIND OUT WHAT THE WORLD'S LIKE OUTSIDE OF LITTLE OLD CENTERVILLE?

AFTER TWENTY YEARS... I'D ONLY BE THIRTY-EIGHT, I COULD RETIRE AT HALF OF MY BASE PAY... THAT'S REAL SECURITY! AND IF I WANTED TO, I COULD GET A GOOD JOB AFTER ALL THAT EXPERIENCE.
YOU'VE REALLY GOT ALL THE ANGLES ON THIS! WHEW!

WELL IT ALL ADDS UP ONCE YOU KNOW THE FACTS... BUT THERE'S ONE THING MORE... KIND OF HARD TO PUT INTO WORDS... AND I SUPPOSE IT SOUNDS KIND OF CORNY...

I DON'T GUESS I UNDERSTAND ALL THE THINGS GOING ON IN THE WORLD THESE DAYS, BUT IT SURE DOESN'T LOOK GOOD, DOES IT?...AND IT MAKES SENSE THAT THE NAVY CAN KEEP TROUBLE AWAY FROM THIS COUNTRY.
YEAH, THAT MAKES SENSE... BUT WHEN THEY NEED ME, THEY'LL DRAFT ME!
SURE, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...
WHAT I MEAN IS, IF THE NAVY IS STRONG ENOUGH, NOBODY'D WANT TO START A WAR WITH US 'CAUSE HE'D BE FIGHTING IN HIS OWN BACKYARD, NOT OURS...AND I WOULDN'T MIND BEING ONE OF THE GUYS DOING A JOB LIKE THAT...
NO ARGUMENT FROM ME ON THAT... HERE COMES YOUR DAD--TIME FOR SUPPER, I GUESS...
EVENING, MR. WINGATE... SO LONG, ADMIRAL. SEE YOU TOMORROW...
OKAY, JOE... HI, DAD.
WELL, SON, I HEAR YOU SCORED TWO TOUCH-DOWNS IN TODAY'S GAME-- CONGRATULATIONS!
YEAH...WE WERE LUCKY, I GUESS. I'M GLAD IT'S ALL OVER.

WHAT'S THIS "ADMIRAL" BUSINESS JOE'S GIVING YOU?
MOSTLY KIDDING, I GUESS...
BUT NOT ALL?
NO, NOT ALL... WE'VE GOT A LITTLE TIME BEFORE SUPPER, DAD. HOW ABOUT A LITTLE TALK? I'VE GOT SOMETHING I WANT TO...
SURE, WHAT'S UP?
WELL, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT I SHOULD DO, NOW THAT I'LL BE GETTING OUT OF SCHOOL SOON... YOU KNOW THE KIND OF THING I'M INTERESTED IN, DAD.
YES, AND I HOPE YOU'LL STICK TO IT... YOU'LL BE A SUCCESS, I'M SURE!
WELL, I... THAT IS... I THOUGHT MY BEST CHANCE ...WELL, DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE A SWELL BREAK IF I COULD DO IT IN THE NAVY?
YOU SEE, DAD, IF I JOIN NOW, AND IF I QUALIFY, I COULD...
WAIT A MINUTE, SON. TAKE IT EASY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO SELL ME ON THAT IDEA...

I THINK IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO, AND WHAT'S MORE, I THINK IT'S THE SMART THING ALSO!
THAT'S SWELL! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D SEE IT THAT WAY, TOO.

COME ON, LET'S GO IN AND TELL YOUR MOTHER ABOUT THIS. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HER EITHER...

AND SOON BEGINS THE PROCESS OF DICK WINGATE JOINING HIS COUNTRY IN THEIR MUTUAL AIM OF INSURING FUTURE SECURITY... AND DICK'S GOAL OF AN INTERESTING, WELL-PAID CAREER...
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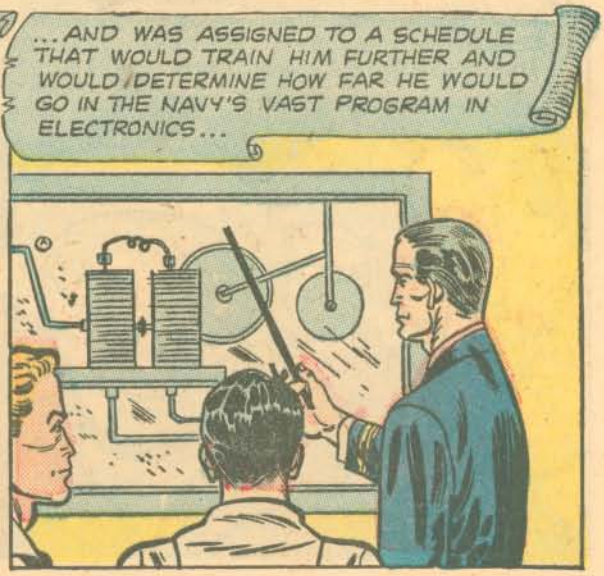
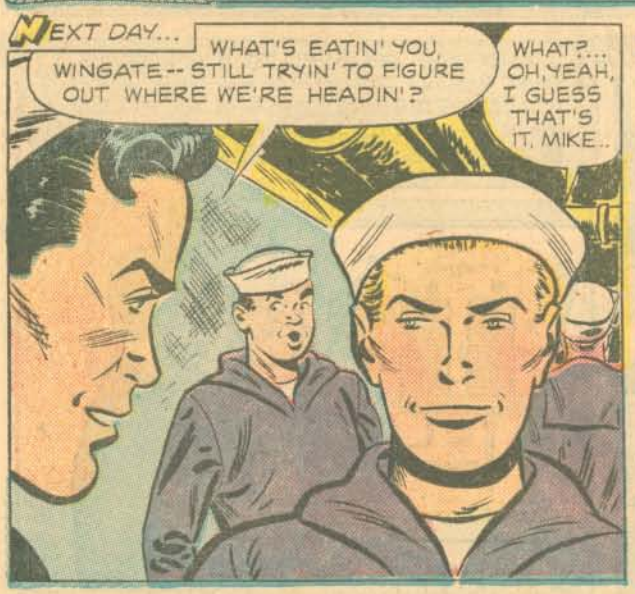
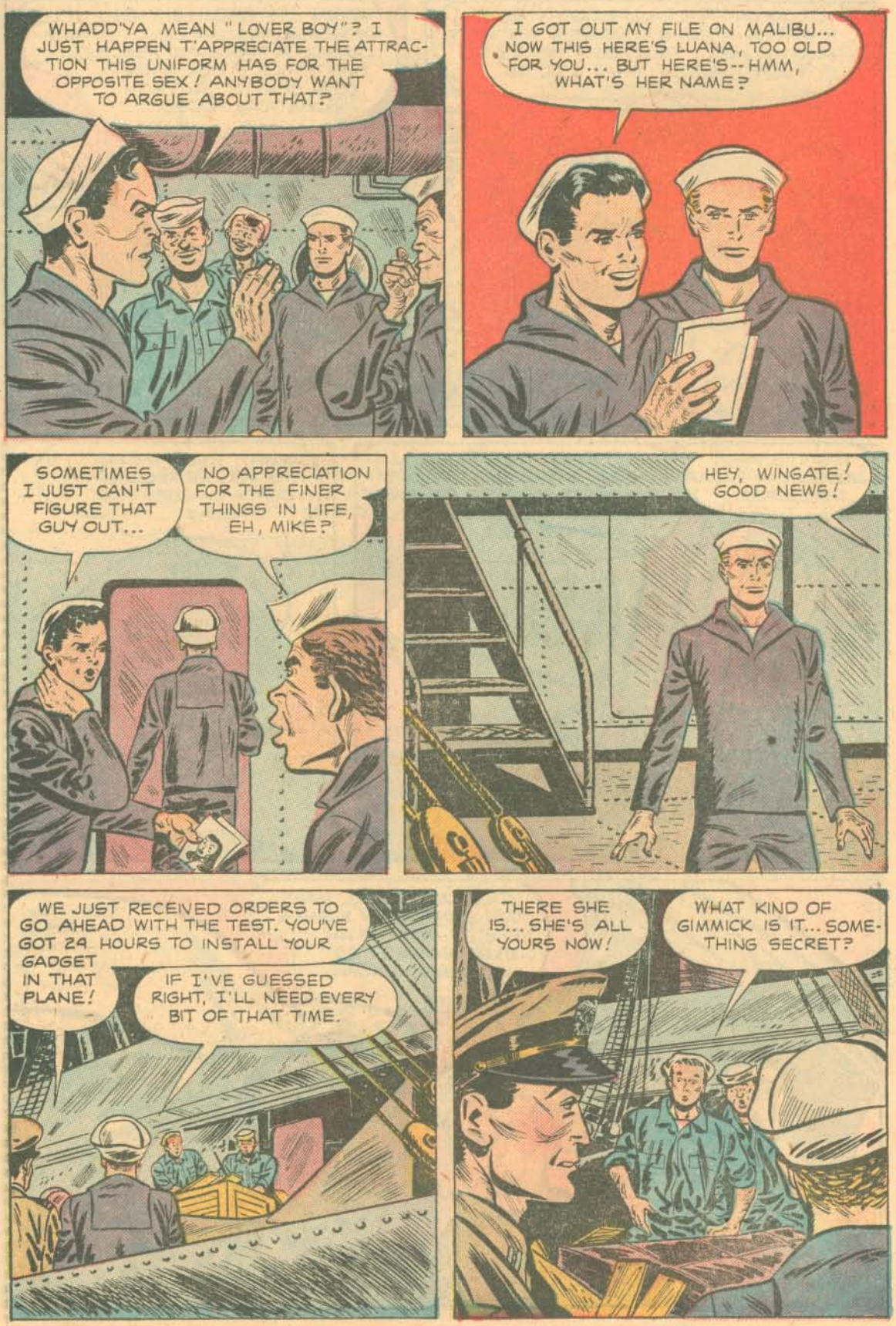
AFTER THE REGULAR THREE MONTHS OF "BOOT" TRAINING, DICK TOOK-- AND DID WELL ON--AN EXAM TO TEST HIS SPECIAL ABILITIES...


...AND WAS ASSIGNED TO A SCHEDULE THAT WOULD TRAIN HIM FURTHER AND WOULD DETERMINE HOW FAR HE WOULD GO IN THE NAVY'S VAST PROGRAM IN ELECTRONICS...

THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WERE EXCITING ONES FOR DICK WINGATE. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO DESTROYER DUTY, AND THEN BACK TO ADVANCE SCHOOL FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN ELECTRONICS. HIS OUTSTANDING ABILITY SOON EARNED HIM A PROMOTION TO ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN 2/C.

THOSE WERE "THE STEPS FROM CENTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TO THE UNITED STATES HEAVY CRUISER **MERRICK**, OFF ON A TEST MISSION THAT WAS TO INVOLVE EVEN MORE THAN THE SUCCESS OF A STARTLING NEW WEAPON...




WHADD'YA MEAN "LOVER BOY"? I JUST HAPPEN T'APPRECIATE THE ATTRACTION THIS UNIFORM HAS FOR THE OPPOSITE SEX! ANYBODY WANT TO ARGUE ABOUT THAT?
I GOT OUT MY FILE ON MALIBU... NOW THIS HERE'S LUANA, TOO OLD FOR YOU... BUT HERE'S--HMM, WHAT'S HER NAME?
SOMETIMES I JUST CAN'T FIGURE THAT GUY OUT...
NO APPRECIATION FOR THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE, EH, MIKE?
HEY, WINGATE! GOOD NEWS!
WE JUST RECEIVED ORDERS TO GO AHEAD WITH THE TEST. YOU'VE GOT 24 HOURS TO INSTALL YOUR GADGET IN THAT PLANE!
IF I'VE GUESSED RIGHT, I'LL NEED EVERY BIT OF THAT TIME.
THERE SHE IS... SHE'S ALL YOURS NOW!
WHAT KIND OF GIMMICK IS IT... SOMETHING SECRET?

I COULDN'T TELL YOU EXACTLY HOW IT WORKS... THAT'S WINGATE'S SPECIALTY, AND HE WON'T TALK. BUT THERE'S NO SECRET ABOUT WHAT IT'LL DO...
WHEN IT'S INSTALLED HERE, IT'LL INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF SUB-CHASING A THOUSAND PERCENT. THIS DEVICE IS OUR RADAR DEVELOPMENT, BUT WITH SOMETHING ADDED.
IT'S THE FIRST UNDERSEAS RADAR DEVELOPED.
YOU MEAN IT CAN SEARCH UNDER WATER JUST THE WAY OUR PRESENT RADAR EQUIPMENT SEARCHES THE SURFACE AND THE AIR?
RIGHT. WHEN WE GET THE FIX, WE RELEASE THE DEPTH CHARGES AND RELAX.
THIS DEVICE WILL MAKE SUB-HUNTING BY PLANES PRETTY MUCH OF AN EXACT SCIENCE. NO MORE GUESS WORK.

WHEW!
THAT'S SOME GIMMICK!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE--WINGATE'S GOT WORK TO DO... WE'RE ON A TIGHT SCHEDULE.
SAY, LIEUTENANT, WHO'RE YOU GOING AFTER WITH THIS GADGET?
THE STARFISH... SHE'S CRUISING AROUND INSIDE A CERTAIN PRETTY BIG AREA...
THEY'RE RUNNING THIS SAME TEST A FEW OTHER PLACES-- UNDER DIFFERENT CONDITIONS. WE'LL HAVE COMPETITION!
DON'T WORRY, SIR. WITH THIS BABY, YOU CAN'T MISS!
HOURS LATER...
HOW'S ABOUT A BREAK FOR COFFEE, KID... YOU'VE BEEN AT THIS THING ALL DAY NOW.
GOOD IDEA, THANKS... COME ON IN. THERE'S NOTHING HUSH-HUSH ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR STUFF!
SURE IS A MESS OF WIRES! HOW'S IT COMING?
I THINK I'VE GOT IT LICKED NOW. BE DONE IN A COUPLE OF HOURS.

COULDN'T KNOCK OFF FOR AWHILE, COULD YOU? THEY'RE SHOWIN' A MOVIE TONIGHT!
NOT A CHANCE, MIKE! I WANT TO STAY AHEAD, IN CASE I RUN INTO ANY BUGS. LOTS OF THINGS CAN GO WRONG WHEN YOU INSTALL ONE OF THESE GADGETS.
NEXT DAY...
ALL SET, LIEUTENANT... AND SEEMS TO BE WORKING PERFECTLY.
WELL, YOU INSTALLED 'ER IN RECORD TIME. WE'VE GOT THREE HOURS TILL TAKE OFF.
LATER...
HERE WE GO! WE'LL SOON FIND OUT HOW GOOD A JOB YOU DID, WINGATE!
GOOD LUCK, SIR!
ON BOARD THE SUB, STARFISH...
CHURCH SHOULD BE TAKING OFF RIGHT ABOUT NOW!
WITH A SENSE OF MOUNTING EXCITEMENT, LIEUTENANT CHURCH SPEEDS TO HIS RENDEZVOUS WITH THE STARFISH. AFTER TESTING THE SECRET DEVICE, THE PLAN OF OPERATION CALLS FOR HIM TO PROCEED TO THE ISLAND OF MALIBU WHERE HE WILL LAND.

THE STARFISH DIVES UNDER SURFACE...
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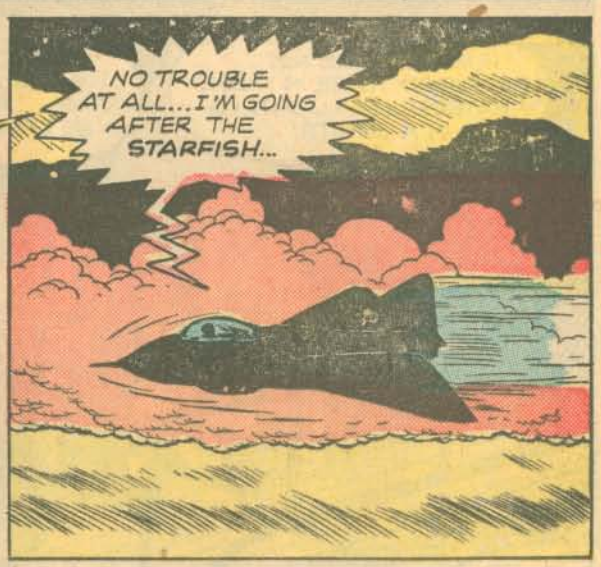
HOW DOES SHE HANDLE WITH ALL THAT WEIGHT?


NO TROUBLE AT ALL... I'M GOING AFTER THE STARFISH...

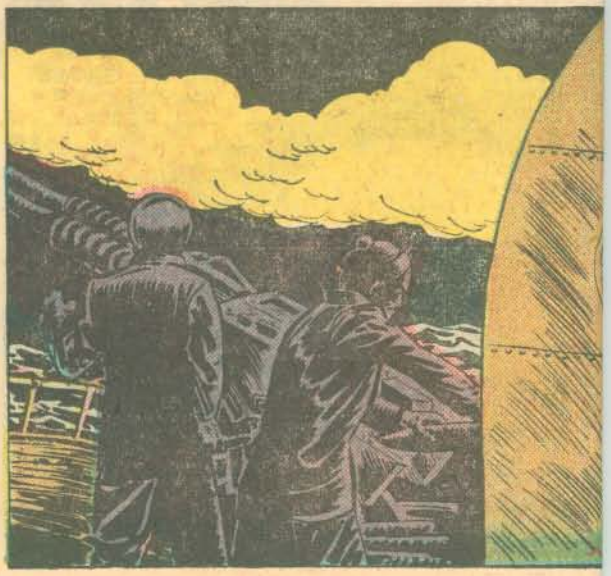
HALF AN HOUR LATER...
HEY! I CAN FEEL THE GADGET TAKING OVER ALREADY!

CHECK YOUR INSTRUMENTS, CHURCH... YOU COULDN'T BE OVER THE AREA YET...
I KNOW... MAYBE THE STARFISH IS PLAYING GAMES WITH US!

THAT MUST BE THE PLANE THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MEET US... ABOUT TIME, TOO... THIS SEA'S GETTING PRETTY ROUGH!
LOOK AGAIN! THAT'S A JET FIGHTER... NOT ONE OF OURS!

HURRY... WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN THESE WATERS... HE'LL SPOT US IN A MINUTE!
IT'S TOO LATE NOW... WE COULDN'T DIVE IN TIME... AND WE CAN'T BE CAUGHT HERE!

THAT MUST BE THE STARFISH. SEA'S TOO HEAVY TO BE SURE... WONDER WHAT SHE'S DOING ON THE SURFACE...



CAN'T GET ANY SIGNAL FROM HIM AT ALL... HIS RADIO'S GONE OUT!

CONTACT THE STARFISH IMMEDIATELY. WE'LL FIND OUT IF THEY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS...

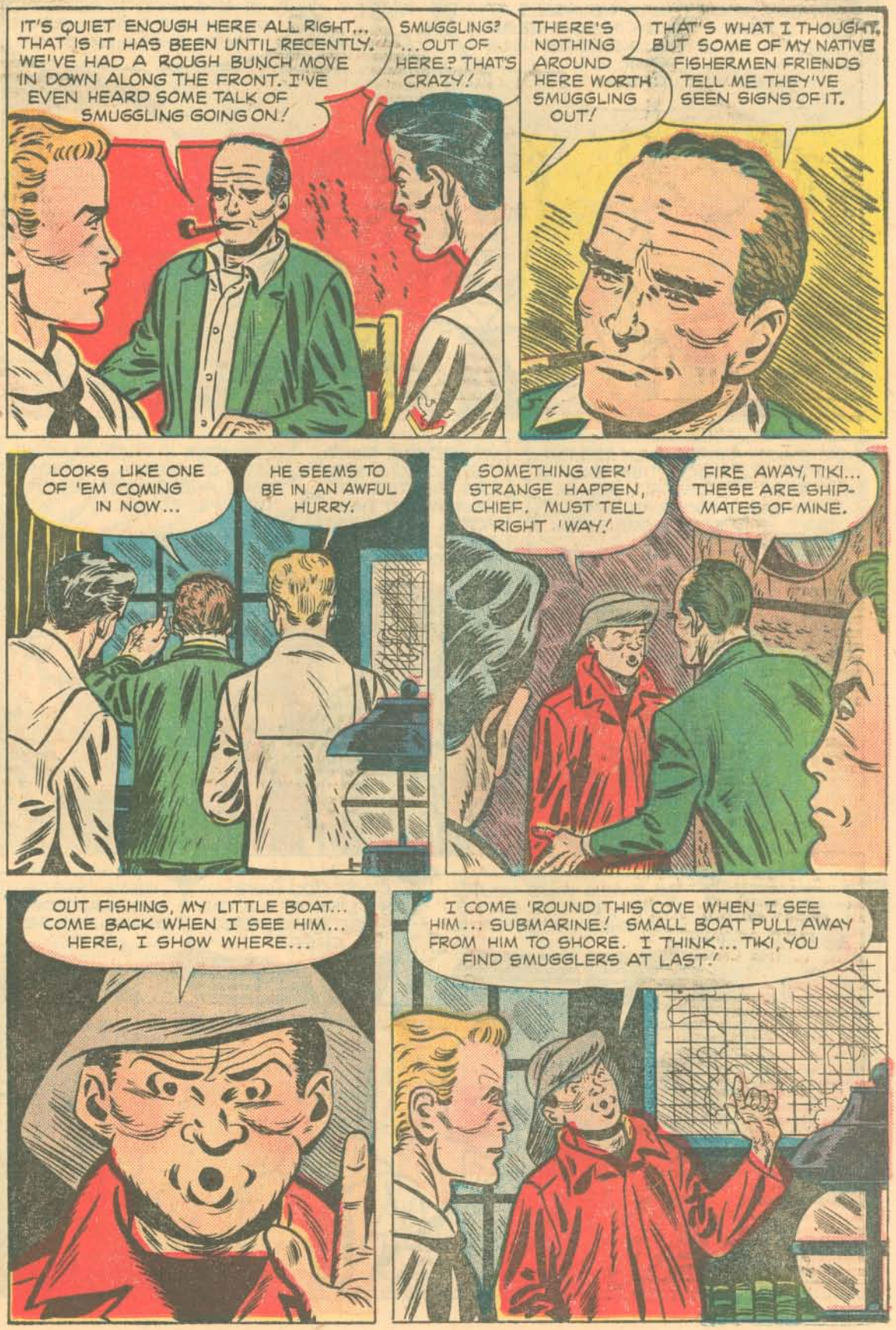
HMM... SOMETHING MUST'VE GONE WRONG. THE MERRICK WANTS TO KNOW IF WE'VE SEEN ANYTHING OF CHURCH'S PLANE...

THE STARFISH REPORTS NO SIGN OF CHURCH... CALL ALL SHIPS STANDING BY ON THIS TEST. WE'LL HAVE THEM SEND THEIR PLANES TO SEARCH THE AREA, AND PROCEED INTO IT THEMSELVES IN CASE THEY FIND HIM IN TROUBLE!

HOURS LATER...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT-- THEY HAVEN'T FOUND A TRACE OF HIM, NOTHING AT ALL! I'M SURE INSTALLATION WAS RIGHT... I TESTED EVERYTHING HALF A DOZEN TIMES... IT JUST COULDN'T BE THAT...
STOP KNOCKING YOURSELF OUT, KID. HE'LL TURN UP... PROBABLY SOME SIMPLE EXPLANATION FOR THE WHOLE THING. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!
BESIDES, I HEAR WE'RE PULLING INTO MALIBU UNTIL THIS THING'S CLEARED UP... REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT PLACE?
NOW WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET FIRST? THERE'S MARGOT, OF COURSE, BUT I THINK THIS ONE WOULD BE MORE YOUR TYPE...
NEXT DAY IN MALIBU, THE MERRICK AND STARFISH COMPARE REPORTS...
OUR SHIPS AND PLANES HAVE COVERED CHURCH'S FLIGHT AREA LIKE A BLANKET. NOT A SIGN OF HIM!
WE'VE CHECKED HERE AND ON THE MAINLAND... AND NO OTHER CRAFT WERE KNOWN TO BE IN THAT AREA EITHER...
WHAT ABOUT THIS KID WINGATE?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'M NOT ACCUSING HIM OF ANYTHING... BUT HE MIGHT'VE MADE A MISTAKE... A FEW CROSSED WIRES ON THAT INSTALLATION WOULD BLOW A PLANE TO BITS...
WINGATE'S AS GOOD A MAN AS WE HAVE ON THIS PROJECT, BUT I SUPPOSE ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE. WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?
IS HE DOWN FOR SHORE LEAVE TONIGHT?
YES, HE'S DOWN WITH ABOUT FIFTY OR SIXTY OTHERS...
WELL, SUPPOSE A COUPLE OF US TRAIL ALONG... SEE WHAT WE CAN PICK UP...
NO HARM IN THAT, I SUPPOSE. IT'S ABOUT ALL WE CAN DO AT THIS END RIGHT NOW.
THAT NIGHT...
FIRST THING WE DO BEFORE I SHOW YOU THE SIGHTS IS SEE OLD CHIEF BARTON.
BARTON... WHO'S THAT?
THE CHIEF'S AN EX-BOSUN'S MATE ...BEEN ALL OVER... SETTLED DOWN HERE YEARS AND YEARS AGO AFTER HE RETIRED ON HIS PENSION. ALL OF US OLD-TIMERS LOOK HIM UP WHEN WE HIT MALIBAU. HE CAN SPIN YOU YARNS OF THE DAYS OF SAIL AND WOODEN SHIPS THAT'D CURL YOUR HAIR...

THERE'S THE CHIEF'S PLACE. HE'S GOT IT FIXED UP INSIDE JUST LIKE THE OLD SHIPS...
AHOY THERE, MIKE MARTINI! COME ON ABOARD!
HEARD YOU WERE IN PORT, MIKE... WONDERED IF YOU'D REMEMBER THE OLD CHIEF!
NEVER MISSED, HAVE I? CHIEF, MEET A NEW HAND ON THE MERRICK-- DICK WINGATE, A GOOD KID.
HE'S ONE OF THOSE NEW ELECTRONICS EXPERTS--YOU KNOW, RADAR AND ALL THAT OTHER STUFF I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
DON'T SAVVY IT EITHER SON, BUT THE NAVY WAS ALWAYS SHOWIN' THE WAY WITH NEW THINGS, EVEN IN MY DAY. THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT THE BEST IN THE WORLD!
YESSIR, IT'S A NEW NAVY NOW, BUT STILL A FINE CAREER FOR A LAD LIKE YOU. I SAILED WITH THE BEST OF 'EM AND I'D DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN IF I HAD THE CHANCE!
WHY'D YOU PICK MALIBU TO SETTLE DOWN IN? PRETTY QUIET HERE, ISN'T IT?
ALWAYS CAUGHT MY FANCY, THIS SPOT. BEEN ALL OVER THE WORLD MANY TIMES, BUT DECIDED TO NEST HERE...

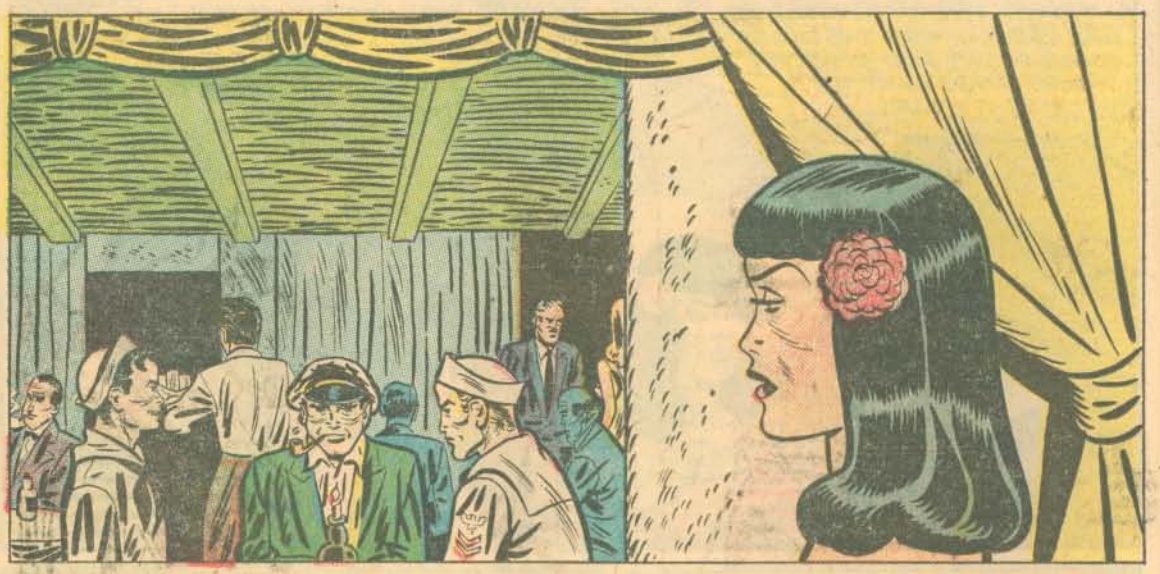

IT'S QUIET ENOUGH HERE ALL RIGHT... THAT IS IT HAS BEEN UNTIL RECENTLY. WE'VE HAD A ROUGH BUNCH MOVE IN DOWN ALONG THE FRONT. I'VE EVEN HEARD SOME TALK OF SMUGGLING GOING ON!
SMUGGLING? ...OUT OF HERE? THAT'S CRAZY!
THERE'S NOTHING AROUND HERE WORTH SMUGGLING OUT!
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. BUT SOME OF MY NATIVE FISHERMEN FRIENDS TELL ME THEY'VE SEEN SIGNS OF IT.
LOOKS LIKE ONE OF 'EM COMING IN NOW...
HE SEEMS TO BE IN AN AWFUL HURRY.
SOMETHING VER' STRANGE HAPPEN, CHIEF. MUST TELL RIGHT 'WAY!
FIRE AWAY, TIKI... THESE ARE SHIPMATES OF MINE.
OUT FISHING, MY LITTLE BOAT... COME BACK WHEN I SEE HIM... HERE, I SHOW WHERE...
I COME 'ROUND THIS COVE WHEN I SEE HIM... SUBMARINE! SMALL BOAT PULL AWAY FROM HIM TO SHORE. I THINK... TIKI, YOU FIND SMUGGLERS AT LAST!

THEN I LOOK THROUGH GLASSES AT SMALL BOAT... NOBODY IN BOAT WEAR UNIFORM, JUST DRESS LIKE FISHERMAN... BUT ONE MAN, HE WEAR AMERICAN NAVY UNIFORM!
WHAT!!
THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE... ONE OF OUR BOYS MIXED UP WITH SMUGGLERS?
THAT'S NOT IT, CHIEF... WHAT ELSE DID YOU SEE, TIKI?
FIRST THEY SEE TIKI, QUICK. THEN BULLETS COME ALL 'ROUND. TIKI TURN 'WAY, COME HOME FAST...
YOU DID THE RIGHT THING COMING HERE, LAD. BETTER NOT TALK ABOUT THIS FOR A WHILE... WE'LL TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON...
I WONDER IF THAT COULD'VE BEEN LT. CHURCH... SUPPOSE THERE ARE SMUGGLERS... AND THEY PICKED HIM UP...
AFTER TIKI LEAVES, WINGATE TELLS THE CHIEF THE WHOLE STORY OF LT. CHURCH'S STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE...
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE THINKIN', LAD... MIGHT'VE HAPPENED THAT WAY, TOO...
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY LINE AT ALL ON THESE SMUGGLERS, CHIEF?
YEAH... WHERE THEY HANG OUT? WHAT SHIPS THEY USE?...

NOT A THING... HAVEN'T LOOKED INTO IT AT ALL. BUT I KNOW WHERE WE CAN START...
IF WE'RE RIGHT, THOSE SMUGGLERS PROBABLY THINK LT. CHURCH WAS OUT GUNNING FOR THEM...WHICH MEANS WE'D BETTER FIND HIM QUICK!
THERE'S OUR FIRST STOP...THAT'S THE KIND OF DUMP'S BEEN TAKIN' OVER THE WATERFRONT LATELY...SMELLING UP THE CLEANEST PORT WEST O' DIAMOND HEAD, TOO!
THAT'S WHY THE LADY IS A TRAMP...
THAT GIRL SURE DIDN'T LOOK AS IF SHE BELONGED IN A DIVE LIKE THIS!
YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT DAMES, SON... I CAN SEE THAT!

BLACKIE, I'VE GOT TO TO TALK TO YOU...RIGHT NOW!
I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF THIS ROOM, CHITA! NOW BEAT IT! GO ON, SING ANOTHER SONG... THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE PAID FOR!
THOSE BUMS OUT THERE'LL WAIT! I'VE KNOWN ABOUT YOUR BEING MIXED UP IN THIS SMUGGLING FOR SOME TIME NOW... BUT I KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT. IT'S YOUR RACKET IF YOU GET CAUGHT, NOT MINE...
IN A FEW WEEKS I'LL HAVE ENOUGH DOUGH TO GET OUT OF THIS HOLE FOR GOOD! BUT KIDNAPPING AMERICAN SAILORS IS GOING TO GET ALL OF US IN QUEER... I'M QUITTING!
WHY YOU LITTLE ... ALL RIGHT! YOU KNOW SO MUCH, HERE'S THE REST. THE SNATCH IS SIMPLE...
THIS FLY-BOY WAS SHOT DOWN BY OUR SUB, SEE... THEY PICKED HIM OUT OF THE DRINK. BUT BEFORE HIS PLANE GOES DOWN, THEY CAN SEE IT'S SOMETHING SPECIAL...
BESIDES, IT CAME AT THEM LIKE A HOMING PIGEON... STRAIGHT AS A BULLET. NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TURN HIM OVER TO THE BOSS WHEN HE COMES TONIGHT AND MY JOB'S DONE...

THERE'S FIVE G'S IN IT FOR ME... WHO CARES WHERE THE DOUGH COMES FROM? AND SOME OF IT'S YOURS IF YOU WANT TO PLAY IT SMART...
STAY AWAY FROM ME, YOU SCUM!
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GONNA DO TO HIM, CHITA?... HE WON'T TALK ABOUT THAT PLANE OF HIS...
...SO THEY'RE GONNA TAKE HIM BACK TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY, WHERE THEY GOT EXPERTS FOR JOBS LIKE THIS... THEY GOT WAYS OF MAKIN' A DUMMY TALK!
BUT IF YOU THINK ANYBODY'D HAVE TO GO TO ALL THAT TROUBLE MAKIN' ME SPILL WHAT I KNOW ABOUT YOU, YOU'RE SCREWY! THEY'D NEVER LET YOU BACK INTO THAT COUNTRY OF YOURS!
NOW GO ON OUT THERE AND KEEP THE CUSTOMERS HAPPY... AND I SAW THOSE TWO SAILOR BOYS COME IN JUST NOW WITH THAT OLD GEEZER. GET RID OF 'EM QUICK!



SURE PLENTY OF SUSPICIOUS LOOKING CHARACTERS HERE... MAYBE IF WE GOT THE LOCAL POLICE TO ROUND THEM UP FOR QUESTIONING.
SAY, WE'RE REALLY GETTING THE ONCE-OVER FROM THAT GIRL-FRIEND OF YOURS, WINGATE...

SHE MUST'VE SEEN SOMETHING SHE LIKED... HERE SHE COMES...

YOU GENTLEMEN DON'T MIND IF I MIX PLEASURE WITH BUSINESS FOR A FEW MINUTES, I HOPE...

WELL... HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? IF THEY EVER HEAR ABOUT THIS ON THE MERRICK, I'M RUINED!
I'LL SEE IF I CAN ARRANGE A TRANSFER FOR YOU, LAD.

CHIEF, I'LL LAY TEN TO ONE SHE'S TELLIN' THE KID TO BEAT IT WITH US NOW AND COME BACK LATER--ALONE. I KNOW HOW THESE DAMES OPERATE.
AND WHEN HE COMES BACK, SHE'LL TAKE HIM FOR EVERY CENT HE'S GOT ON HIM... THE CHIEF'S BEEN AROUND TOO, MIKE!

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A LOST FRIEND, AREN'T YOU?
YES!... HOW DID YOU KNOW?

NEVER MIND HOW I KNOW... BUT YOU MUST BE CAREFUL--YOU ARE BEING WATCHED. IF YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TRY TO DO ANYTHING NOW, THEY WOULD START A FIGHT AND YOU WOULD FIND OUT NOTHING...

THIS LOST FRIEND OF MINE... WHERE IS HE?
HE IS SAFE ENOUGH FOR THE MOMENT... RIGHT NOW YOU AND THE OTHER TWO MUST LEAVE... QUICKLY!
LEAVE?... NOW? BUT...
SSH... PUT YOUR ARM BACK AROUND ME AND GO ON DANCING. IF YOU MAKE A WRONG MOVE NOW, THEY WILL GET SUSPICIOUS AND MOVE YOUR FRIEND SOME PLACE WHERE I CANNOT HELP YOU...
YOU MUST COME BACK ALONE--AND WITHOUT BEING SEEN--A FEW MINUTES AFTER MIDNIGHT. THAT WILL GIVE US ENOUGH TIME... I WILL MEET YOU UNDER THE BIG PALM JUST OUTSIDE THE BACK ENTRANCE...
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'M GOING TO TRUST YOU THIS WAY?
YOU MUST TRUST ME... BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING ELSE YOU CAN DO. IF YOU MAKE TROUBLE, THEY WILL SURELY KILL YOUR FRIEND BEFORE YOU CAN GET TO HIM...
WELL, KID, HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT? STILL THINK SHE DOESN'T BELONG IN THIS PLACE?
FORGET IT... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE. WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING WE WERE LOOKING FOR ANYWAY.

OKAY, LET'S TRY A FEW MORE OF THE JOINTS.
SEEMS THERE'S A NEW ONE OF 'EM OPENS UP EVERY DAY LATELY. IT'S NOT HARD TO BELIEVE THOSE SMUGGLING YARNS WHEN YOU SEE THE CUSTOMERS IN 'EM EITHER!
HOURS LATER...
FINE BUNCH OF DETECTIVES WE ARE... HAVEN'T HEARD A THING...WE'D BETTER TELL THAT FISHERMAN'S STORY TO THE SKIPPER FIRST THING IN THE MORNING...
I'M GOING BACK TO THE SHIP, MIKE. WHY DON'T YOU...
STAY WITH THE CHIEF, TOO, LAD. THERE'S ANOTHER BUNK FOR YOU...
NOT TONIGHT, CHIEF. I'M WORKING ON A REPORT ON THAT TEST WE STARTED. GOT TO FINISH IT BY MORNING...
I TOLD YOU HE'D BE GOING BACK TO MEET THAT DAME...CRAZY KID! I'LL FOLLOW ALONG AND SEE HE DOESN'T GET HURT...

SOMETHING MIGHTY FUNNY ABOUT ALL THIS... MAYBE I'D BETTER...
THIS IS BEGIN-NING TO LOOK LIKE A PARADE!
WELL, LET'S FALL IN AT THE END OF THE LINE!
HERE!... QUICKLY!
YOU HAVE A HALF HOUR TO RESCUE YOUR FRIEND AND GET AWAY SAFELY...NOW FOLLOW RIGHT BEHIND ME... AND NOT A SOUND!

GIVE ME A FEW MINUTES ALONE WITH HIM--THEN COME IN QUICKLY AND QUIETLY...YOU WILL SEE WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE AGAIN? I TOLD YOU TO...
TAKE IT EASY, BLACKIE...IT'S A FRIENDLY VISIT THIS TIME...
WELL... I THOUGHT YOU'D START USIN' YOUR HEAD ABOUT THIS THING...
HOW MUCH DID YOU SAY CHITA'S CUT WAS GOING TO BE?
OH! SO THAT'S IT! I SHOULDA KNOWN...
WELL, I DID GET RID OF THOSE SAILORS FOR YOU... AND YOU SAID...
OKAY-- I'LL STICK TO MY END OF THE DEAL... COME HERE...

SQUEAK!
YOU DOUBLE-CROSSER, YOU!! OKAY, NAVY... YOU ASKED FOR IT!
BANG!

STAY DOWN THERE AND DON'T MOVE AN INCH... IT'S YOUR GUN AND YOU KNOW HOW GOOD IT IS...
THAT SHOT WAS INTENDED FOR ME... MY FRIEND COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN...
IT DOESN'T... MATTER...CHITA COULD...NEVER GET AWAY... FROM HERE...
HEY! THERE'S CHURCH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KID? WE HEARD THE SHOTS...
YEAH, I'M OKAY...

BUT WE WERE TOO BUSY OUTSIDE, ROUNDING UP SOME STRONG-ARMS WHO WERE COMIN' HERE TO SEE THIS BLACKIE CHARACTER. THEY'RE ALL IN THIS THING TOGETHER...
WE KNOW THAT AND A LOT MORE NOW. THIS ONE'S THE BOSS, AND HE'S CARRYING PAPERS I CAN'T READ...BUT I CAN GUESS WHAT LANGUAGE THEY'RE WRITTEN IN!
LATER...
I WAS JUST A HAPPY ACCIDENT -- SO FAR AS THEY WERE CONCERNED--WHEN I FELL INTO THEIR LAPS. THEIR REAL JOB WAS SMUGGLING SAMPLES OF RARE METALS AND IMPORTANT ORE BACK TO THEIR COUNTRY BY SUB AND PLANE...
IF THAT ORE HAD TESTED HIGH, THIS PLACE WOULD HAVE GONE DOWN ON THEIR TIME TABLE FOR INFILTRATION AND CONQUEST...
TOO BAD ABOUT THE TEST, THOUGH, WINGATE...AND LOSING OUR GADGET...
THERE'LL BE MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM, LIEUTENANT...LOTS MORE! AND PLENTY OF MEN WHO KNOW HOW TO USE THEM IF THEY EVER HAVE TO!

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